

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

### **1. (Cancelled)**

**2. (New)** A resilient wire tensioner for tensioning wires of vine supports, the vine supports including a post, said resilient wire tensioner comprising:

a first hooking member configured to be secured to the post of the vine supports;

a second hooking member having slots;

a helical spring extending in a longitudinal direction and located between said first hooking member and said second hooking member;

a winding member rotatably received by said slots, said winding member extending transversally relative to the longitudinal direction of said helical spring and configured to enable adjustable tensioning of the wires of the vine supports; and

an immobilizing member configured to couple to said winding member and said second hooking member to prevent rotation of said winding member.

**3. (New)** A resilient wire tensioner according to claim 2, wherein said winding member is bar-shaped.

**4. (New)** A resilient wire tensioner according to claim 3, wherein said bar-shaped winding member has a hexagonal cross-section.

**5. (New)** A resilient wire tensioner according to claim 2, wherein said winding member includes first and second grooves and said slots comprise first and second semicircular lengths, said first and second semicircular length received in said first and second grooves, respectively.

**6. (New)** A resilient wire tensioner according to claim 2, wherein said winding member includes first and second outer holes configured to receive the tensioning wires, and at least one inner hole configured to receive said immobilizing member.

7. (New) A resilient wire tensioner according to claim 6, wherein  
said immobilizing member includes a straight portion configured to be inserted into said  
at least one inner hole and a hook portion configured to couple to said second hooking member.